

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



November 5, 1982

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-148-82

TO: ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES

SUBJECT: WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF ADOPTION RECORDS

This notice supersedes the All-County Information Notice I-47-82, dated May 11, 1982, Confidentiality of Adoption Records.

Chapter 990, Statutes of 1982 (AB 3040), which becomes effective January 1, 1983, adds section 230.6 to the Civil Code. It provides a statutory base for the Department of Social Services or any licensed adoption agency to accept waivers of the right to confidentiality of adoption records from an adult adoptee, the birth parent, and any living adoptive parent in order to arrange contact among these persons if each has filed a waiver. The statute prohibits the Department or licensed adoption agency from soliciting, directly or indirectly, the execution of such a waiver. The waiver shall be in the form prescribed by the Department. A copy of Section 1 of Chapter 990 which addresses the waiver of right to confidentiality is attached.

A waiver form for use, beginning January 1, 1983, by the Department and licensed adoption agencies is being developed.

If there are questions regarding this notice, please contact your adoption program consultant.

  
CLAUDE FINN  
Deputy Director  
Adult and Family Services Division

Attachment

cc: CWDA

Chapter 990 (AB 3040)

SECTION 1. Section 230.6 is added to the Civil Code, to read: 230.6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an adult adoptee, his or her natural parent, and any living adoptive parent have each filed a written waiver of his or her rights with respect to the confidentiality of adoption records with the State Department of Social Services or any licensed adoption agency, the department or the licensed agency may arrange for contact among those persons. Neither the department nor a licensed adoption agency shall solicit, directly or indirectly, the execution of such a waiver.

The waiver authorized by this section shall be in the form that shall be prescribed by the State Department of Social Services.